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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Docket No. 98-N-1265  
Food and Drug Administration  
5600 Fishers Lane Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear FDA:

We are writing to OPPOSE THE DRAFT M.O.U. being proposed by the FDA. In particular, we OBJECT to the definition of "inordinate amount" that restricts the availability and the right to obtain necessary compounded medications by limiting the number of prescriptions that can be shipped across state lines from specialized compounding pharmacies.

THIS IS A VITAL, LIFE AND DEATH MATTER TO US because Linda is so severely allergic--and has been under a specialist's care for several years now--that she can only take extremely pure forms of certain prescriptions. These prescriptions have ONLY been available from College Pharmacy in Colorado, and they are crucial to her continuing to live.

She has been taking frequent (often weekly) infusions of preservative-free vitamins since last summer just to live because she has so often been unable to eat anything. She also is dependent upon the pure forms of L-thyroxine and progesterone that only come from College Pharmacy in order to fulfill her needs. The clinic she receives help from must get all of their supplies from College Pharmacy.

We urge you to do all you can to STOP this effort to curtail our medical help and liberty. Without this help, Linda--and no doubt thousands of others--would not be able to continue to live.

Yours truly,

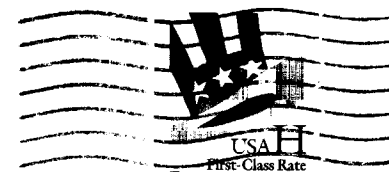
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